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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Thursday, September 10, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Faris.

Members absent: Representative Courser.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt the minutes from the Thursday, June 18, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 298 before the committee:

SB 298     (Knezek)	Crimes; animals; assault of or interference with a service animal and refusal by certain persons to allow entry of a person using or training a service animal; prohibit.
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The following people submitted a testimony card in support of SB 298 and SB 299, but did not wish to speak:

Lino B Pretto, representing the Purple Heart  
Susan Tumosa, representing AARP  
General Mike Stone, Steve Kozera, and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association  
Leslee Fritz and Lee Gonzalez, representing the Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion  
William B. Coats, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mia McNeil, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 298 and SB 299 due to the provision on miniature horses, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Rutledge moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 298.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 6-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Rutledge, Faris.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid HR 121 before the committee:

HR 121    (Kelly)	A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to oppose the Iranian nuclear agreement and affirm the rights and responsibilities of the states to sanction businesses under their jurisdiction for conducting business with state sponsors of terrorism.
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Representative Kelly introduced his resolution to the committee.

Representative Hooker moved to report HR 121, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-2-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn.

NAYS: Representatives Talabi, Faris.

PASS: Representative Rutledge.

The Chair returned to the consideration of SB 298.

Representative Outman moved to report SB 298, as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, Faris.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid SB 299 before the committee:

SB 299    (O'Brien)	Animals; dogs; licensing fees for service animals; provide exemption for certain individuals.
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Representative Rutledge moved to report SB 299, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi,  
Faris.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair  
adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:00 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
September 10, 2015  
30 minutes